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AT UNDP PLEDGING CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 5 US REP SHOULD MAKE
STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

MR. PRESIDENT, ON THIS OCCASION I WOULD LIKE TO
UNDERScore THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE
UNDP AS AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR MEETING SOME OF
THE KEY CHALLENGES OF AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD. THE
WIDE RANGING PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE INNOVATIONS
RECENTLY INTRODUCED--NEW DIMENSIONS, DECENTRALIZA-
TION, TRI-PARTITE EVALUATION--MAKE FOR A VIGOROUS,
FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE PROGRAM, ONE DEMONSTRABLY
READY FOR THE DEMANDS OF THE RAPIDLY APPROACHING
SECOND DEVELOPMENT CYCLE. THE ADMINISTRATOR AND HIS
STAFF ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE SUPERB MANNER IN
WHICH THIS COMPLEX UNDERTAKING HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.
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THE EFFORTS THE ADMINISTRATOR IS GIVING TO ESTABLISH

FIRM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR REIMBURSABLE UNDP ASSISTANCE, THUS FACILITATING A SHIFT TOWARD AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE MORE WEALTHY RECIPIENT COUNTRIES CAN AND SHOULD COVER IN FULL THE COST OF

THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WILL ALSO MAKE FOR A SOUNDER PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE.

MR. PRESIDENT, I REGRET THAT I AM NOT IN A POSITION TODAY TO GIVE ANY INDICATION AS TO WHAT OUR CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP FOR 1976 WILL BE. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THAT YEAR IS STILL IN PROCESS AND UNTIL IT IS COMPLETED IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ENTER A PLEDGE.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE NOTE THAT THE UN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND IS NOW OPERATIONAL AND THAT A GROWING NUMBER OF COUNTRIES--MORE THAN 55--ARE CONTRIBUTING TO IT. WHILE THE UNITED STATES HAS NO PLANS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND OURSELVES IN 1976, WE ARE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUND CLOSELY AS AN EFFECTIVE CHANNEL FOR SUPPORT TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LOWER INCOME GROUPS.

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE,MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE UN REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION. THIS WAS BORN OF THE CONVICTION THAT PROMOTION OF WORLDWIDE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF MINERALS IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING ENDEAVORS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. NOW THAT THE PROGRAM HAS BECOME OPERATIONAL WE HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL JOIN IN THE EFFORT TO ENSURE THE REVOLVING FUND IS ABLE TO EMBARK ON ITS TASK WITH AN ADEQUATE FINANCIAL BASE. KISSINGER

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